

**Chromium IV by Colorimetric Method****SM 18<sup>th</sup> /19<sup>th</sup> Ed. 3500-Cr D****Page 1 of 2**

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**Relevant Aspect of Standards****Method  
Reference****Y****N****N/A****Comments***Records Examined:* SOP Number/ Revision/ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Analyst: \_\_\_\_\_

Sample ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Sample Preparation: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Analysis: \_\_\_\_\_

Were sample pH's adjusted to pH 9.3-9.7 using ammonium sulfate buffer solution, cooled to  $\leq 6^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and analyzed within 28 days? (*The preservation temperature does not apply to samples analyzed within 15 minutes of collection.*)

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Table II Footnotes  
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For dissolved chromium, are samples filtered through a 0.45  $\mu\text{m}$  membrane filter at collection, and is the filtrate acidified with  $\text{HNO}_3$  to pH<2?

3500-Cr A.3

For total chromium, are unfiltered samples acidified at collection with  $\text{HNO}_3$  to pH<2?

3500-Cr A.3

Is redistilled water (distilled water redistilled in all-glass apparatus) used to prepare reagents?

3500-Cr D.3  
3500-Cr D.3.k

Is diphenylcarbazide solution discarded when solution becomes discolored?

3500-Cr D.3.o

Are standards treated by the same procedure as the samples?

3500-Cr D.4.a

**For total chromium:**

Are samples digested with concentrated  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated  $\text{HNO}_3$  as specified in Section 3030 G? (Add 5 mL  $\text{HNO}_3$ , evaporate to 15-20 mL, add 5 mL  $\text{HNO}_3$  and 10 mL  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , evaporate until white fumes just appear, cool, dilute to 50 mL, heat to dissolve slowly soluble salts, and filter if necessary.)

3500-Cr D.4.b

**For both dissolved and total chromium:**

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Are several drops of methyl orange indicator added to samples, followed by NH <sub>4</sub> OH added until solution just begins to turn yellow, followed by dropwise 1+1 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> until acidic and then 20 drops excess (or 1 mL)?	3500-Cr D.4.d				
After acidification, is sample volume adjusted to about 40 mL, samples brought to boiling, and KMnO <sub>4</sub> solution added dropwise to maintain a dark red color while boiling for 2 minutes?	3500-Cr D.4.d				
After boiling for 2 minutes, is 1 mL of NaN <sub>3</sub> solution added, boiling continued for one minute after color has faded, and is 0.25 mL (5 drops) of H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> added?	3500-Cr D.4.d				
Are samples adjusted to pH 1 ± 0.3 using 0.2N H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> and then diluted to 100 mL?	3500-Cr D.4.e				
Are 2 mL diphenylcarbazide solution added to pH-adjusted diluted samples, and are the samples allowed to stand for 5 to 10 minutes for color development?	3500-Cr D.4.e				
Are samples read at 540 nm, using distilled water as a reference?	3500-Cr D.4.e				
Are sample absorbances corrected by subtracting the absorbance of a blank carried through the method?	3500-Cr D.4.e				

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